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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Midland County Flood Plain Reconnection and Enhancement Project in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Midland, located at 220 W. Ellsworth Street, Midland, MI 48640. The County is working with numerous stakeholders, including the State of Michigan, private landowners, and local leaders, to redesign traditional drains and improve stormwater drainage after several historic flooding events. The most recent flooding event was in 2020 when a significant rain event contributed to the catastrophic failure of two dams. The proposed project will create ecologically functional floodplains, allowing stormwater to flow into formerly disconnected floodplains. The result will be increased stormwater storage during large runoff events, improved soil health, reduced erosion, improved water quality, enhanced vegetation and wildlife habitat, and reduced damage caused by floods and other natural disasters.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Member of Congress